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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was fully steady to firm on fresh and frozen hens and toms. Trading was moderate for fill-in basis. Movement on fresh was seasonal. Inquiry was light to moderate. Bulk parts and meat trading was fair. Supplies were short of current needs. The market tone was steady to fully steady on parts, about steady on balance.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow as availability of items remained limited. Demand was slow as some buyers resist the current offering prices.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 23, 2003**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-70	67.5	67.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-65	63	63.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	66-70	66-67	66.38	160	68.50	40	NOV	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-69	68	68.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-70	-	-	-	71.25	40	NOV	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-65.5	65.5	65.50	60	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65.5	64-65.5	64.64	140	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	65	65.00	80	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2003** **CURRENT WEEK** **LAST WEEK** **SAME WEEK YEAR AGO**

#### 8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION	66.20	65.35	68.33
CENTRAL REGION	68.00	65.55	66.97
WESTERN REGION	67.63	66.29	68.53

#### 16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	63.83	63.00	58.75
CENTRAL REGION	64.64	64.00	57.92
WESTERN REGION	65.13	63.00	59.00

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	69-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	68-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-78

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION  
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 27-OCT-2003**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	77.95	370	75.00 105
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	77.95	370	75.00 105
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)			
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)			

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)  
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

SEPTEMBER	438,393*
OCTOBER 1-18, 2003	271,455*
To date 2003	4,565,720*
To date 2002	4,161,705*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 18-Oct-2003  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	846	-2	21.45	(A)	846 21.45
SATL	858	2	27.35	(A)	858 27.35
N CENT	2,194	0	31.32	(A)	2,194 31.32
S CENT	469	5	20.98	(A)	469 20.98
WEST	456	-3	25.41	(A)	456 25.41
U.S. TOTAL	4,823(B)	0	27.32	0	4,823 27.32
TO-DATE					
2003	195,230(B)			563	195,793
TO-DATE					
2002	194,264(B)			384	194,648

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 51,000; for the year 2,628,000; last year to date 2,246,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 18-Oct-2003

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,876	2,896	51	0	4,823
AVG WT	15.87	34.78	24.92	0.00	27.32
LAST WEEK	1,848	2,869	88	10	4,815
SAME WK YR AGO	1,597	2,969	70	25	4,661
AVG WT	15.36	34.95	24.62	29.63	28.05
TO-DATE/2003	78,326	114,276	2,628	563	195,793
TO-DATE/2002	77,002	115,016	2,246	384	194,648

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 23 OCTOBER 2003.

The trade sentiment on tom drums was steady to firm for prompt October shipments, steady to barely steady for November deliveries. The trade sentiment on tom full-cut wings was fully steady to firm, balance of tom bulk parts were steady to fully steady. Inquiry light to fair. Offerings spotty for current shipments with buyers finding mixed loads of product from one supplier hard to fill. The trade sentiment on hen bulk parts was fully steady to firm. Demand fair for the tight supplies. Trading centered on light to fair volumes of tom drums and frozen thigh meat for export, balance slow. For export: fresh tom drums 38-39.50 cents delivered November, frozen young hen breast meat 97.50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	90.95	840
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	83.00		83.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00-44.00		43.43	51
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	43.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.83	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.00-37.00		36.95	42
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	43.00		43.00	49
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	46.00		46.00	2
NECKS, TOM	19.00-20.00		19.78	183
NECKS, HEN	20.00		20.00	17
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	120.00-130.00		126.67	90
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	164.00		164.00	80
THIGH MEAT	94.00		94.00	5
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	92.33	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	89.49	71
SCAPULA MEAT		F	85.00	16
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	119.00	124
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	28.00		28.00	20
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00-43.00		42.43	282
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	24.00		24.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	24.00-25.00		24.33	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	91.00-96.00		94.00	200

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 24 OCTOBER 2003.**

The undertone on tom drums was firm in the West with trading noted at higher trending price levels being delivered West from the Midwest for mostly prompt domestic shipments. Demand good on tom drums in the West, balance of country light to fair for current shipments. Offerings of tom drums ranged short to instances adequate for buyers' needs. The undertone on thigh meat was mostly steady with trading centered on frozen young hen thigh meat for domestic shipments. The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was steady to instances weak and fresh destrapped tenderloins steady to barely steady. The undertone on frozen tom breast meat was fully steady for new production, steady at best for product +3 months age. The frozen destrapped tenderloin undertone was barely steady at best. Trading centered on a fair volume of Grade a 4-8 lb. breasts 89 cents transferred in storage, balance light. For domestic: fresh wing meat 66-71, fresh ground breast trim 86, plant grade non-basted 14-16 lb. breasts 93 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	91.00		91.00	80	90.96	920
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	89.00		89.00	40	84.50	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.50-48.00		44.29	280	43.70	491
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	43.00	10	43.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	43.00		43.00	20	42.70	200
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	35.00-38.00		37.00	60	36.42	142
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	43.00	49	42.55	89
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	46.00	2	66.91	22
NECKS, TOM	19.00-20.00		19.50	80	19.70	263
NECKS, HEN		R	20.00	17	20.00	17
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	126.67	90	126.67	90
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	164.00		164.00	40	164.80	200
THIGH MEAT	89.00-90.00		89.20	50	89.64	55
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	92.33	120		
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	89.49	71		
SCAPULA MEAT		F	85.00	16		
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	19	68.00	59
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	120.00		120.00	60	120.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	27.00-28.00		27.50	80	27.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	25.00		25.00	40	26.00	60
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	42.00		42.00	40	42.55	446
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	24.00	40	24.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	24.33	120	24.79	140
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	94.00	200	93.46	636

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